

Application: 10/077,732
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Art Unit: 3651
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Claim 20, line 1, cancel "(new)".

line 10, after "shelves" insert a comma.

line 19, change the period to a comma.

line 20, change "The" to --the--.

Claim 21, line 1, cancel "(new)".

Claim 23, line 1, cancel "(new)".

line 4, cancel "[and in the storage bins]" .

line 5, cancel "[that] a predetermined safety ".

line 6, cancel "level".

line 11, cancel "]a predetermined maximum level in the".

line 12, cancel this entire line.

Cancel claims 22, 24, 25, 31.

Claim 27, line 18, cancel "means", and substitute --manually portable panels--.

Claim 27, at the end, change the period to a comma and add --whereby to enable to conversion of non-manually controlled carts to manually controlled carts.--.

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Add the following claim:

Claim 42. Apparatus for use in distributing a plurality of articles of different kinds throughout a facility that has a central storage area and a plurality of user areas distributed in the facility at substantial distances from the storage area, comprising

a storage cart in the storage area having a plurality of storage bins for holding a corresponding number of said articles of different kinds,

the storage cart having labels individually identifying articles in the storage bins,

the storage cart having recording means for recording the identity of each of said articles, and also including a main set of panels and push buttons thereon corresponding to the articles respectively, and further including means for recording the identity of the articles in response to manual actuation of the push buttons,

the storage cart being a self-contained, operable unit,

the apparatus including a supply cart adjacent to each of the user areas, a second set of panels corresponding to the panels of the main set,

the panels of the second set having push buttons corresponding to the push buttons of the main set, and,

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Claim 42 cont'd

the apparatus including a supply cart adjacent to each of the user areas,

a second set of panels corresponding to the panels of the main set,

the panels of the second set having push buttons corresponding to the push buttons of the main set, and

the apparatus including means for transmitting signals to the recording means in response to actuation of the push buttons of the second set,

the panels of the second set being mounted on the user carts in operable relation to the panels of the main set respectively,

the panels of the second set being mountable on the supply cart in operable position wherein they mechanically inhibit the actuation of the push buttons of the main set.